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Appl. No.:	09/530,013	Group:	1651
Filed:	April 24, 2000	Examiner:	R. GITOMER
For:	METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES IN A SPECIMEN COMPRISING THE USE OF CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH SILICONE OR PLASTICS		

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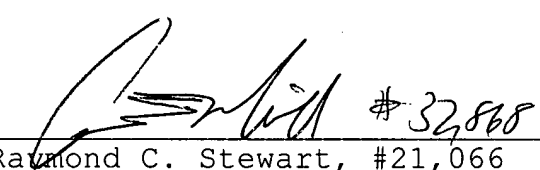
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.